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In re application of :  
Andreas SEWING et al. : Group Art Unit: 1616  
Serial No.: 09/885,287 : Examiner: Gollamudi S  
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For: COATING FOR METALLIC IMPLANT MATERIALS

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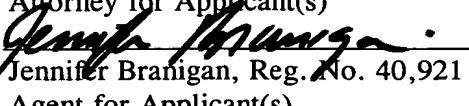
Applicants elect Group 1, Claims 1-10 and 21 with traverse. The restriction is traversed on the grounds that, e.g., a search of all the claims would not be an undue burden since the claims in the application all relate to bone analogous coatings for metallic implants. Thus, the searches would comprise extensive overlapping subject matter. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. See, M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction is requested.

In any case, Applicant intends to request rejoinder of the methods of Group 2, directed to the use of compounds of Group 1, once such compounds are indicated as allowable. See, e.g., M.P.E.P. 821.04, "Rejoinder."

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